

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 286

By Woodson

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Mooreland Heights Elementary School in Knoxville on the occasion of its centennial celebration.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to specially recognize those schools in the towns and cities of our State that, over the years, have pursued excellence in providing a quality education for our youth and have served as vital anchors in their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding school is Mooreland Heights Elementary School, founded in 1905 at 5315 Magazine Road in South Knoxville; the present building was constructed in 1931 and has had several additions in the 1940s and 1950s; and

WHEREAS, some 250 students are enrolled at Mooreland in kindergarten through the fifth grade; many students' parents, grandparents and great grandparents attended the school with the result that Mooreland Heights has the feel of a "community school" as opposed to the "urban school" classification in which the school system has place it; and

WHEREAS, Mooreland Heights has 16 regular classrooms, a CDC classroom, a resource classroom, TAG, a music/art classroom, office space, a teacher workroom, a Title I room shared by two Reading Recovery teachers, a computer lab, a gymnasium, Personal Accountability classroom, a cafeteria and a kitchen; and

WHEREAS, Mooreland Heights has an excellent reputation in the community and is highly regarded by the parent of its students; the highly competent staff maintains high expectations for the students and helps to provide a family atmosphere of safety, lifetime learning, and productivity; and

WHEREAS, during its storied history, Mooreland Heights was the broadcast site during the 1940's for WNOX's "Mid-day Merry-Go-Round" country music show featuring rising stars Roy Acuff, Chet Adkins and others; famous alumni include Alan Williams of WBIR, Grammy award winning Buddy Jackson who played basketball there, and author Sam Venable; and

WHEREAS, Mooreland Heights Elementary is the only Title I school in Knox County to receive accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; and

WHEREAS, on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2005, Mooreland Heights Elementary School will hold its Centennial Celebration at 10:00 a.m. (EDT), presenting a musical/drama, and displaying students' writing skills as they present each decade over the past 100 years; and

WHEREAS, the observance of such a momentous occasion in the life of one of Tennessee's most outstanding schools is worthy of our special recognition and our heartfelt commendation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we congratulate the administration, staff, students, parents and alumni of Mooreland Heights Elementary School on their Centennial Celebration, thank them for their great contributions to their community, the City of Knoxville and the State of Tennessee over the past century, and offer them our best wishes for every success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.